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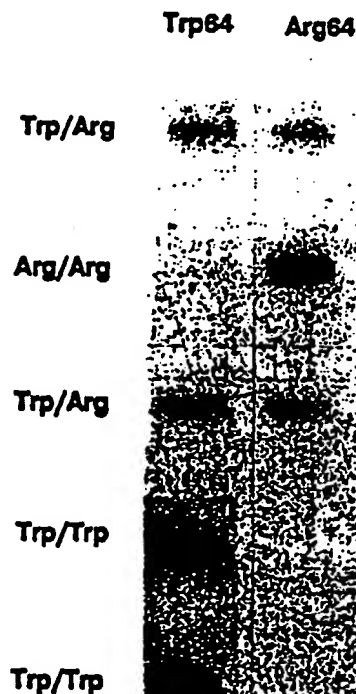
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(57) Abstract

The present invention provides a novel polypeptide characterized by a non-conservative missense mutation, Trp64Arg, in the β -3-adrenergic receptor (β 3AR) that increases susceptibility to obesity and non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (NIDDM; type II diabetes). Also provided are methods of diagnosis and methods of treatment of subjects having or at risk of having type II diabetes/obesity. The figure shows allele specific oligonucleotide hybridization to detect the presence of the Trp64Arg mutation.



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